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**From:** Baldauf, Richard [Baldauf.Richard@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/25/2022 12:26:17 PM  
**To:** Buckley, Katherine [Buckley.Katherine@epa.gov]; Scott, Samuel [Scott.Samuel@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: Poland-US Statement of Intent Final Version  
**Attachments:** SOI Poland-US Green Infrastructure and Air Quality 2022.3.4.docx

Hi Katherine and Samuel, thanks again for your help with the SOI for Poland. I wanted to share this whole response from them since it highlights the important times in Poland right now.

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Thanks again!

Rich

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**From:** Józef Hernik <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2022 7:15 PM  
**To:** Baldauf, Richard <Baldauf.Richard@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Poland-US Statement of Intent Final Version

Hi Richard,

Thank you again for your email.

Currently in Poland we already have over 2.2 million refugees from Ukraine. We very warmly welcome refugees from Ukraine into our homes. We provide them with food, clothes and a friendly welcome. The Polish government has organized a professional system of help for Ukrainians: free health care, benefits/allowances and school for children. I am very proud of my nation and country.

Moreover, we regularly help Ukraine by sending numerous aid packages. Recently, together with friends and relatives, we sent two trucks to Ukraine: one with clothes and the other with medicines. Last week I employed a professor of architecture (69 years old) from Ukraine to my department.

We have many Ukrainians in Krakow, Poland: mostly mothers with small children and elderly people. Men under 60 stay in Ukraine and defend the country. Very touching (gripping) farewells of a husband with his wife and children. The husband goes to the front, and the mother with small children to Poland. We are proud of the Ukrainians - they defend their country, Europe and the free world.

We are very happy with your country, President and people. For your help to Ukraine and restrictions on Russia.

We are very happy that President Biden will visit Poland tomorrow.

I will write more in the next days.

Thank you very much that EPA and the U.S. Government have reviewed and finalized our agreement for signature on your side. I am attaching the agreement after minor changes - the Institute (government side) and my University. I have left their comments in Polish and added a translation (in green). I hope you can accept. We have one more comment: is

it possible to give in WORKPLANE our names as it was in the previous version. We will be the ones to coordinate this collaboration.

We think that your idea with the announcement of the agreement during the Earth Day in April is very good. We are joining this. We can also organize a joint meeting in the US Embassy in Warsaw and announce the signing of the agreement. We are open for comments and proposals.

I am glad that we are getting closer to signing the agreement.

Best wishes,

Józef

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W dniu 17.03.2022 o 15:46, Baldauf, Richard pisze:

Hi Jozef, I had wanted to reach out to you earlier when the situation in Ukraine started; however, I was anticipating getting our agreement finalized soon so have been waiting for this to occur as well. First, I hope everyone in your family is doing well and safe and healthy. And I hope all in Poland are doing well given the situation in Ukraine and the influx of people from there. I imagine Krakow has seen quite a few refugees, and I hope the situation can be reconciled soon

I am happy to report that EPA and the US government has reviewed and finalized our agreement for signature on our end. Attached is the final version, which did require some changes that I hope are not of a concern to you or the Polish government. If all is OK with this version, we will be ready to sign it. I have a call with the US Embassy staff in Warsaw, who have expressed an interest in announcing this agreement during Earth Day in April. Please let me know if you would be interested in doing something similar or have other suggestions that I can share with the US Embassy staff

Thank you again for your patience with this process, and I look forward to this finally being finalized

Best regards,

Richard